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SUBJECT: UNSPONSORED KHMER REFUGEE KIEN SU

REF: A. BANGKOK 26119

1. KHMER REFUGEE KIEN SU FIRST BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH USG EFFORTS IN INDOCHINA AT THE AGE OF 15, WHEN HE FOUGHT AS A MEMBER OF AN AMERICAN SPECIAL FORCES MIKE FORCE ELEMENT IN SVN IN 1964. HIS EMPLOYMENT BY US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES MIKE FORCE AND RECONNAISSANCE UNITS CONTINUED THROUGH 1972, DURING WHICH TIME HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS FROM HIS AMERICAN SUPERVISORS. CATHOLIC RELIEF SVCS/KHMER REPUBLIC, WHICH THROUGHOUT THE CAMBODIAN CONFLICT MADE EXTENSIVE USE OF USAID FUNDS FOR ITS EMERGENCY FEEDING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, HIRED KIEN SU IN APRIL 1974, IN PART ON THE BASIS OF THESE COMMENDATIONS. FROM APRIL 1974 THROUGH APRIL 1975 HE WORKED IN THE FIELD OPERATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION DEPTS AND AT THE TIME OF THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ENTIRE CRS/KHMER REPUBLIC PROGRAM. HE CLOSED SAID PROGRAM AND ORDERED ITS EMPLOYEES TO DISPERSE AT 0915 HRS 17 APR 1975 AT WHICH TIME HE SAW KHMER REPUBLIC ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS FLEEING PAST HIS OFFICE EXHIBITING WHITE FLAGS.

2. ON SEVERAL EMERGENCY FEEDING EFFORTS DURING THE WAR, MOST NOTABLY AT NEAK LOEUNG AND KAMPOT, WARREN HOFFECKER, A CRS EM-

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PLOYEE NOW ON LOAN TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK, OBSERVED THIS MAN

DOING EXCELLENT AND THOROUGH WORK UNDER EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, TO INCLUDE DIRECT SNIPER FIRE AND HEAVY MORTAR AND ARTILLERY BARRAGES IN THE AREAS WHERE DISTRIBUTIONS WERE BEING MADE.

3. IN VIEW OF KIEN SU'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE US, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT CRS/KHMER REPUBLIC PROJECTS AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE SALARIES WERE HEAVILY SUPPORTED BY USAID FUNDING DURING THE CAMBODIAN WAR, THIS INDIVIDUAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR PAROLE INTO THE U.S. FOR URGENT HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

4. FATHER ROBERT CHARLEBOIS, FORMER SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - U.S.C.C., IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THIS CASE. PLEASE CABLE HIM AT CATHWEL NEW YORK UPON RECEIPT OF THIS TELEGRAM.
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